

# T2K Cross-Section Model for Oscillation Analyses

T2K jargon for "Neutrino Interactions Working Group", prounced "noog"

FNAL ND Seminar
Kevin McFarland
University of Rochester
6 April 2017

# Goals for Today's Talk



- Remind you of T2K and its oscillation analysis
- Explain the components of the interaction model, and along the way...
  - What is chosen and why?
  - What are the weaknesses and areas of development
  - How is new data being used?
  - What are the next steps
- I hope some of this will be useful for your oscillation experiment's work



#### **T2K OSCILLATION ANALYSES**

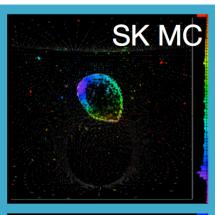
T2K Detectors and Observables

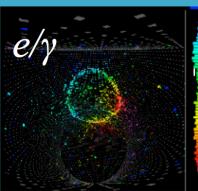
**Near Detector Constraint** 

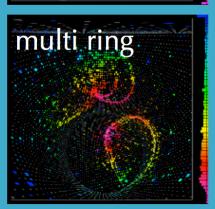
Where we are today

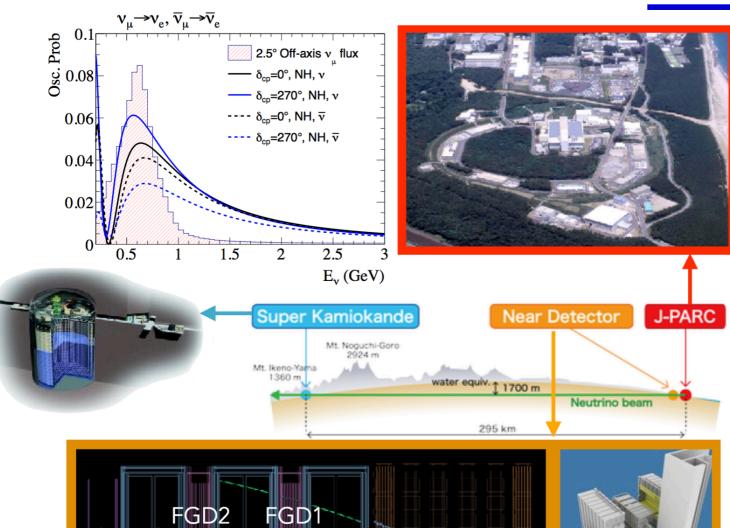
### T2K in One Picture











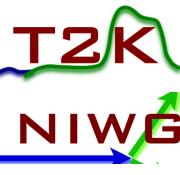
Graphic by Hiro Tanaka

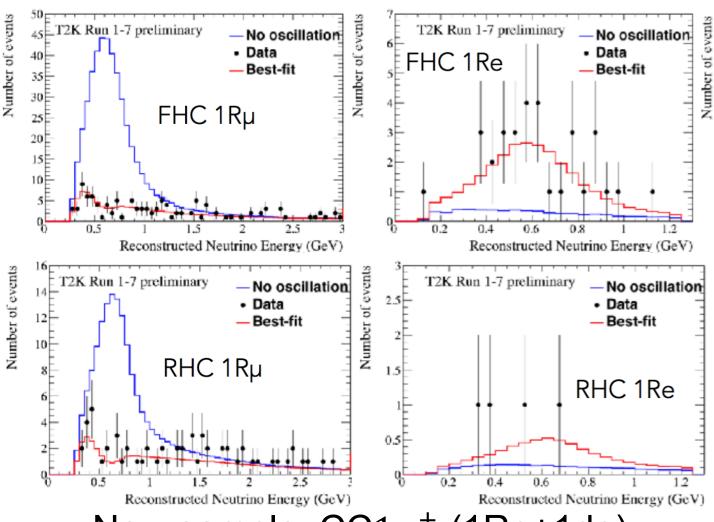
6 April 2017

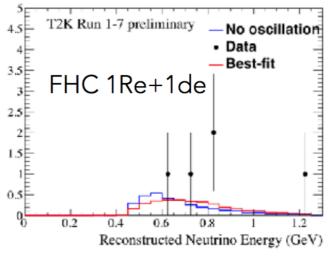
T2K Cross-Section Model

4

### **Events at Far Detector**





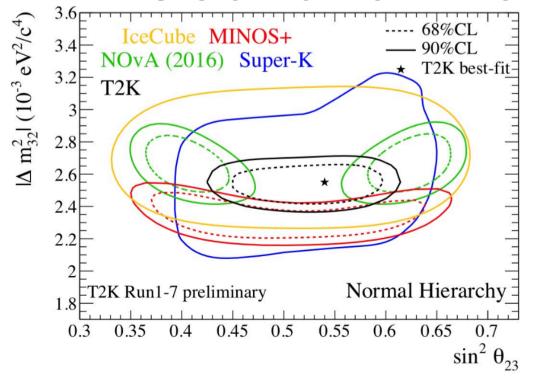


Events: No Osc→Obs

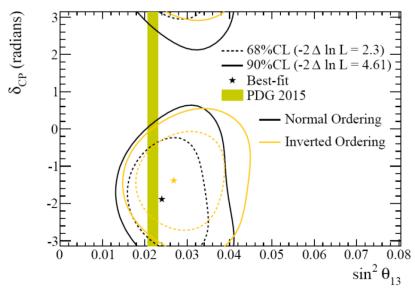
	FHC	RHC
1Re	6→32	2.4→4
1Re+de	0.8→5	n/a
1Rμ	481→ 135	177→ 66

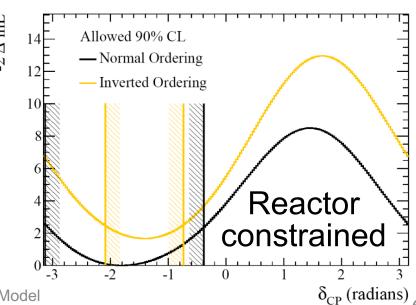
New sample:  $CC1\pi^+$  (1Re+1de) Decay electron from  $\pi \to \mu \to e$ 

### Oscillation Parameters

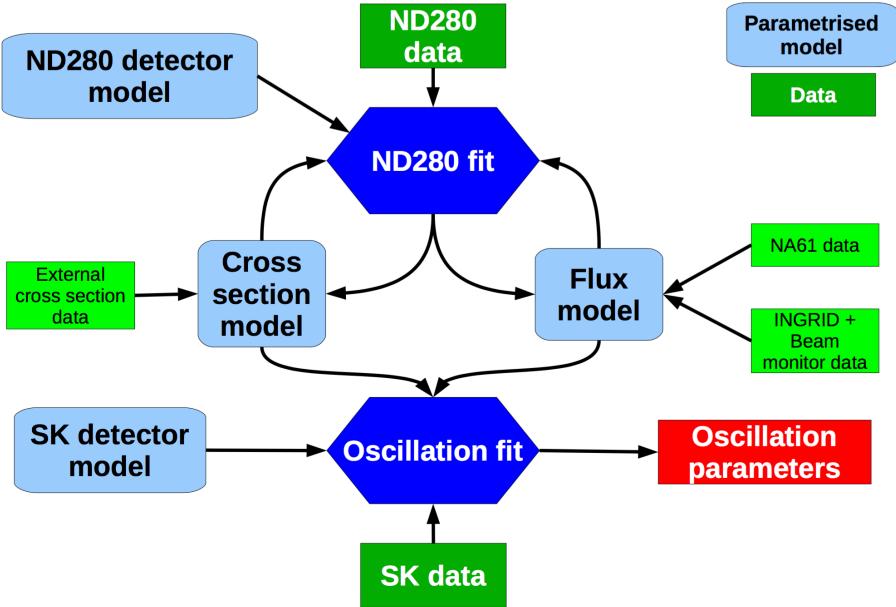


- Large  $\nu_{\mu}$  disappearance suggests maximal mixing
- Large  $\nu_e$  appearance suggests normal ordering,  $2^{\text{nd}}$  octant and  $\delta_{CP} \sim -\pi/2$





Schematic of Osc. Analysis



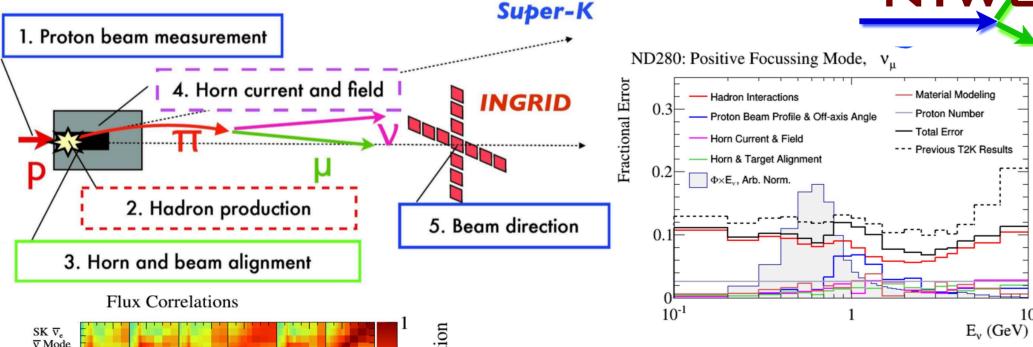
6 April 2017 T2K Cross-Section Model

Graphic

by Mark Scott

### Flux Prediction

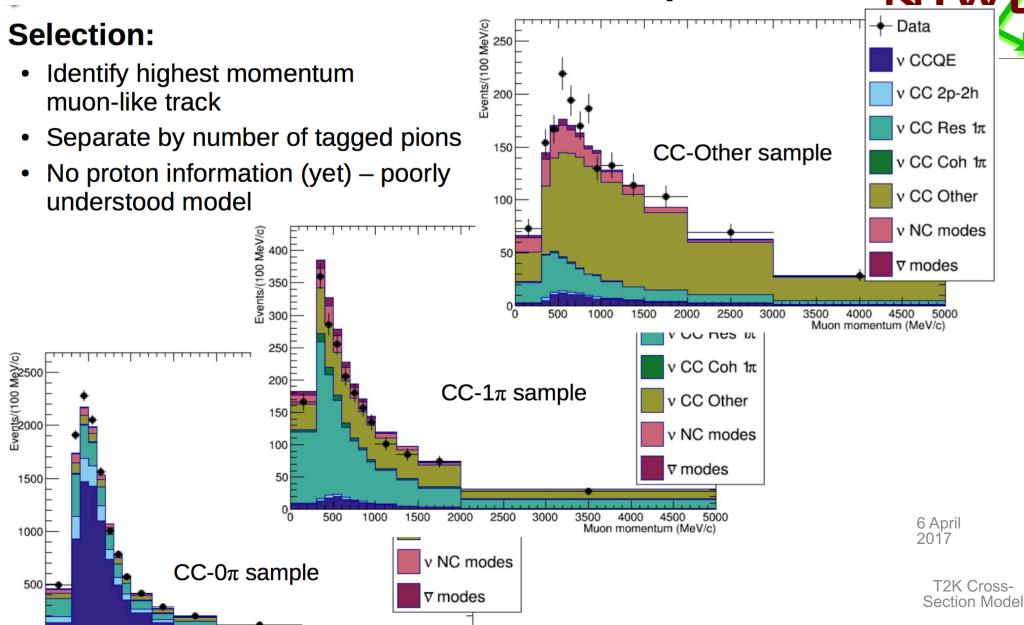




- Driven by hadroproduction data
- Correlates near & far detector flux and different flavors
- Expect significant reduction soon from replica target data

8.0 Correlation V Mode 0-3 GeV SK V. V Mode 0-3 GeV SK ve 0.6 v Mode 0-3 GeV SK v. v Mode 0.4 0-3 GeV ND V.. V Mode 0.2 0-3 GeV ND v.. v Mode 0-3 GeV  $\begin{array}{c|cccc} ND \ v_{\mu} & ND \ \overline{v}_{\mu} & SK \ v_{\mu} & SK \ v_{e} & SK \ \overline{v}_{\mu} \\ v \ Mode & \overline{v} \ Mode & v \ Mode & v \ Mode \\ \end{array}$ 0-3 GeV | 0-3 GeV

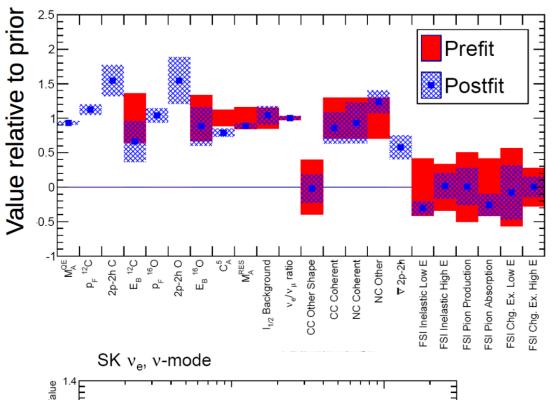
Near Detector Samples

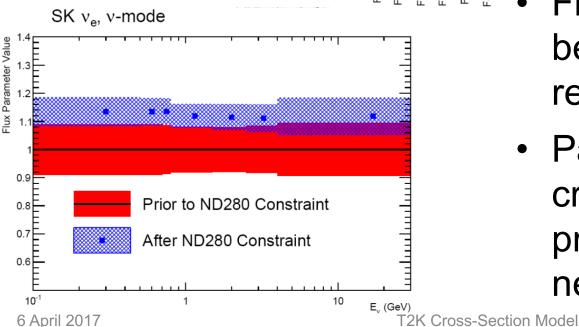


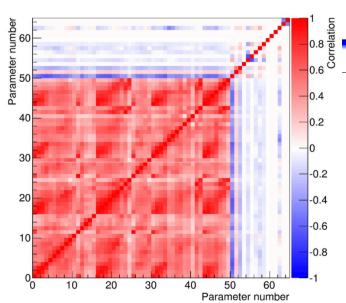
Muon momentum (MeV/c)

### Result of ND Constraint









- Flux and cross section become anticorrelated, with reduced uncertainties
- Parameters of the flux and cross section model that propagate information from near to far detector

#### Illustration of Constraint



 What happens to systematic uncertainties with near detector constraint?

FHC $\nu_e$ CC0 $\pi$	Pre- ND Fit			Post- ND Fit		
Sample	mean	$1\sigma$	%	mean	$1\sigma$	%
Flux	24.24	2.13	8.8	26.50	0.95	3.6
Xsec	24.38	1.72	7.0	26.92	1.38	5.1
Flux+Xsec	24.41	2.79	11.4	26.78	1.09	4.1
Flux+Xsec (constrained by ND)	24.26	2.63	10.9	26.63	0.77	2.9
SK+FSI+SI	24.35	0.89	3.7	26.70	0.96	3.6
All	24.48	2.96	12.1	26.85	1.47	5.5

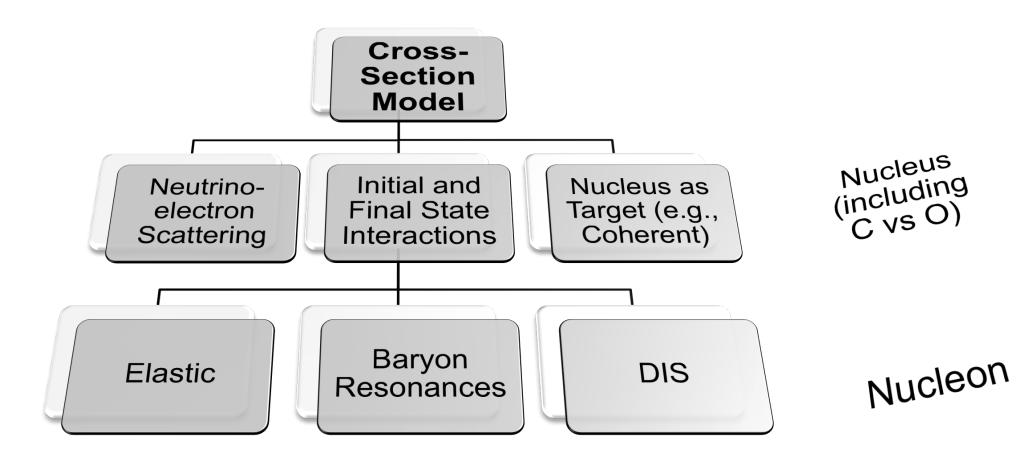


# OVERVIEW OF CROSS-SECTION MODEL

6 April 2017 T2K Cross-Section Model

#### Architecture of Model





### Is the architecture sound?



- Models of these components are inadequate
  - E.g., "Final State Interactions" as a semi-classical model of transport of on-shell hadrons
  - Can't even rigorously factorize problem!
- Data constraints are essential for selecting models and measuring parameters
  - But some data is missing, or ambiguous
  - Models may not fit data, or may be missing components, so it is easy to build in the model assumption somewhere to the downselection



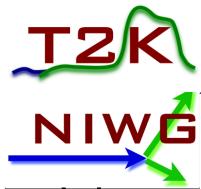
#### **NUCLEON COMPONENTS**

Nucleon: Elastic, Baryon Resonance, DIS

Nuclear Modifications: Initial State, 2p2h, Screening (RPA), FSI

Processes on Nucleus: Neutrino-electron scattering, Coherent

# Elastic Processes on Nucleons



- Recall: nuclear effects not in nucleon model
- So Llewellyn Smith, as one does C.H. Llewellyn Smith, Phys. Rep. 3C, 261 (1972)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^{2}} \binom{\nu n \to l^{-} p}{\overline{\nu} p \to l^{+} n} = \left[ A(Q^{2}) \mp B(Q^{2}) \frac{s - u}{M^{2}} + C(Q^{2}) \frac{(s - u)^{2}}{M^{4}} \right] \times \frac{M^{2} G_{F}^{2} \cos^{2} \theta_{c}}{8\pi E_{c}^{2}}$$

$$\begin{split} A(Q^2) &= \frac{m^2 + Q^2}{4M^2} \left[ \left( 4 + \frac{Q^2}{M^2} \right) |F_A|^2 - \left( 4 - \frac{Q^2}{M^2} \right) |F_V^1|^2 + \frac{Q^2}{M^2} \xi |F_V^2|^2 \left( 1 - \frac{Q^2}{4M^2} \right) + \frac{4Q^2 Re F_V^{1*} \xi F_V^2}{M^2} \right. \\ &\qquad \qquad - \frac{Q^2}{M^2} \left( 4 + \frac{Q^2}{M^2} \right) |F_A^3|^2 - \frac{m^2}{M^2} \left( |F_V^1 + \xi F_V^2|^2 + |F_A + 2F_P|^2 - \left( 4 + \frac{Q^2}{M^2} \right) \left( |F_V^3|^2 + |F_P|^2 \right) \right) \right], \\ B(Q^2) &= \frac{Q^2}{M^2} Re F_A^* \left( F_V^1 + \xi F_V^2 \right) - \frac{m^2}{M^2} Re \left[ \left( F_V^1 - \frac{Q^2}{4M^2} \xi F_V^2 \right)^* F_V^3 - \left( F_A - \frac{Q^2 F_P}{2M^2} \right)^* F_A^3 \right] \text{ and } \\ C(Q^2) &= \frac{1}{4} \left( |F_A|^2 + |F_V^1|^2 + \frac{Q^2}{M^2} \left| \frac{\xi F_V^2}{2} \right|^2 + \frac{Q^2}{M^2} |F_A^3|^2 \right). \end{split}$$

Occupants of the form factor zoo:

F<sup>1</sup><sub>V</sub>, F<sup>2</sup><sub>V</sub> are vector form factors;

F<sub>A</sub> is the axial vector form factor;

F<sub>P</sub> is the pseudoscalar form factor;

F<sup>3</sup><sub>V</sub> and F<sup>3</sup><sub>A</sub> are form factors related to currents requiring G-parity violation, small?

# Elastic Processes on Nucleons (cont'd)



- Recall: nuclear effects not in nucleon model
- Llewellyn-Smith, as one does
  - BBBA07 vector form factors
  - Axial Form factor from deuterium CCQE, pion electroproduction
  - Assume Goldberger-Treiman,  $F_P = \mathcal{F}(F_A)$
  - Dipole in current publications, but moving to zexpansion or ad hoc three component models (correct high Q<sup>2</sup> uncertainty)
- Photon emission in CC radiative corrections

# Elastic Processes on Nucleons (cont'd)



Several additional poorly constrained uncertainties

M. Day and K. S. McFarland. Phys. Rev. D 86, 053003 (2012)

- Possibility of nuclear induced second class current effective form factors
  - At T2K energies, ~2% difference in  $\nu_e$  and  $\nu_\mu$  CC elastic cross sections possible. Less at high energy
- At all energies, EWK vertex corrections differences for  $\nu_e$  and  $\nu_\mu$  thought to be "small" (KNL theorem), but there is no calculation
  - T2K puts in an additional 2% systematic
- Lumped together as a  $\nu_e/\nu_\mu$  uncertainty

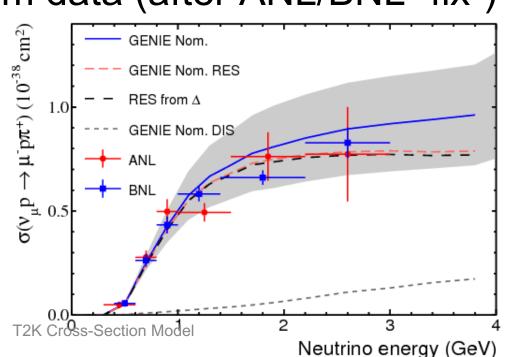
# Baryon Resonance Model



- Rein-Sehgal, with its dramatic deficiencies
  - Many unknown axial couplings and form factors, lumped into a dipole axial form factor,  $C_A^{5}$ ,  $m_A^{RES}$
  - Ad hoc non-resonant "background" model also tuned to deuterium data (after ANL/BNL "fix")

P. Rodrigues, C. Wilkinson and K. McFarland, Eur. Phys. J. C 76, 474 (2016)

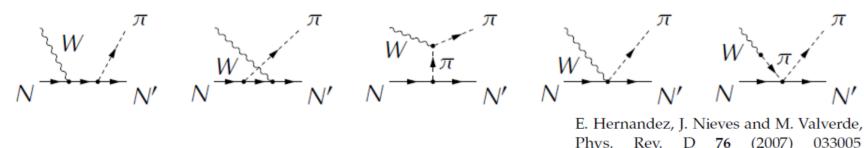
C. Wilkinson et al, Phys. Rev. D 90, no. 11, 112017 (2014)



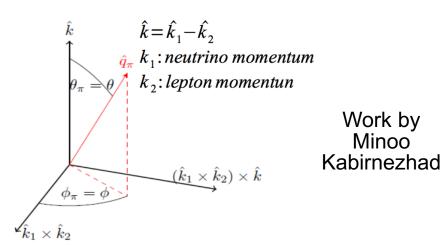
# Pion Model Improvement



• The new model covers all pions from resonant (Rein-Sehgal model) and nonresonant interactions (5 diagrams from Hernandez et.al ) coherently!



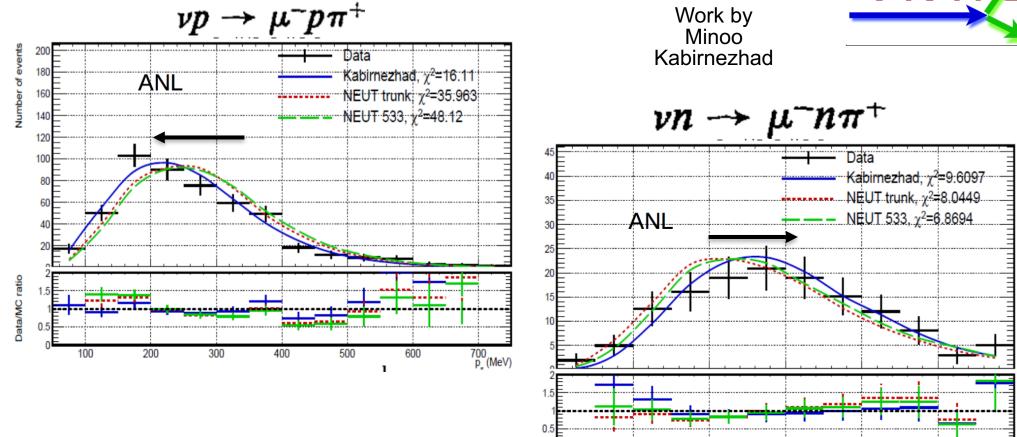
- Lepton mass is included and It is suitable for MC We need to define a common framework to calculate the helicity amplitudes. Isobaric system
- The main challenge is to calculate helicity amplitudes of the above diagrams in this frame
- The new model output is  $d \sigma / dW dQ^2 d \Omega_{\pi}$  pion angles are part of cross-section!



 Interference between resonant and non-resonant makes tuned Rein-Sehgal predictive in different channels!

# Pion Model Improvement





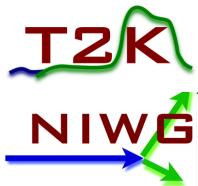
 Difference in the W spectrum because of interference shifts the pion momentum spectrum. Note improvement!

100

200

300

# Baryon Resonance Model



22

- Rein-Sehgal, with its dramatic deficiencies
  - Many unknown axial couplings and form factors,
     lumped into a dipole axial form factor, C<sub>A</sub><sup>5</sup>, m<sub>A</sub><sup>RES</sup>
  - Ad hoc non-resonant "background" model also tuned to deuterium data (after ANL/BNL "fix")
- Single pion events only; multipion at low W is taken from DIS model
- NC1γ from Alvarez-Ruso, scaled to Wang et al study, 100% uncertainty

E. Wang et al, Phys. Rev., D92, 053005 (2015)

#### DIS



- Not very significant at T2K energy, and accordingly, not as sophisticated as GENIE
- Use above W of 2 GeV
- Free-nucleon PDFs in LO model. Bodek-Yang extension to low Q<sup>2</sup> form factor
- Fragmentation from PYTHIA
- W<2 GeV multipion fragmentation handled separately and tuned on hydrogen data (custom tune)



24

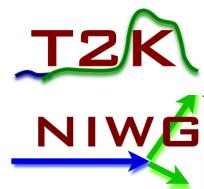
#### **NUCLEAR COMPONENTS**

Nucleon: Elastic, Baryon Resonance, DIS

Nuclear Modifications: Initial State, 2p2h, Screening (RPA), FSI

Processes on Nucleus: Neutrino-electron scattering, Coherent

# Neutrino-Electron Scattering

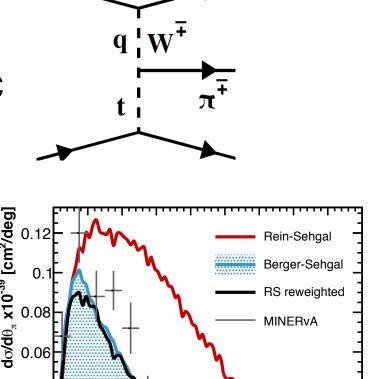


- Textbook prediction. Can be used as a standard candle to measure neutrino flux.
- Like in GENIE (hint), no careful selection of sin<sup>2</sup>θ<sub>W</sub> and no treatment of radiative corrections
  - In fact, the right calculation of radiative corrections for NOvA, DUNE, MINERvA has not been done yet because  $E_e \neq E_v^{initial} E_v^{final}$
- T2K is not using this method currently

# Coherent/Diffractive Pion Production

T2K NIWÉ

- Previous NEUT implementation of Rein-Sehgal had original πC elastic scattering cross-section
  - GENIE default has improved one based on new data
- Recently implemented Berger-Sehgal because of its good agreement with modern (MINERvA) data



0.04

0.02

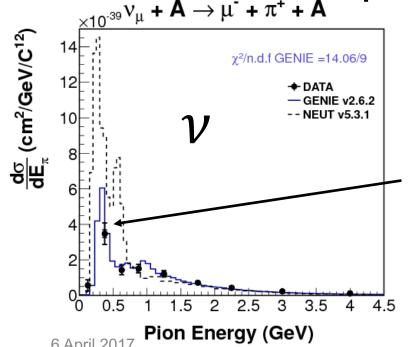
 $\theta_{-}$  [deq]

# Coherent/Diffractive Pion

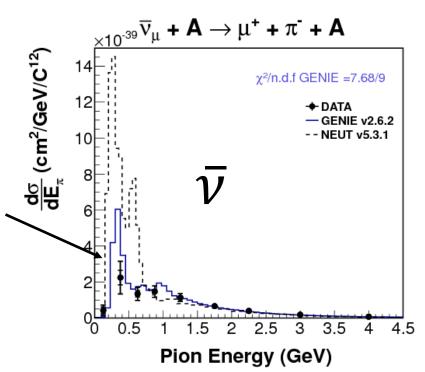
Production (cont'd)

 GENIE implementation of Rein-Sehgal coherent model is better than NEUT's

• But... still not perfect  $\underset{\times^{10^{-39}}\nu_{\mu} + A \rightarrow \mu^{-} + A}{\text{still not perfect}}$ 



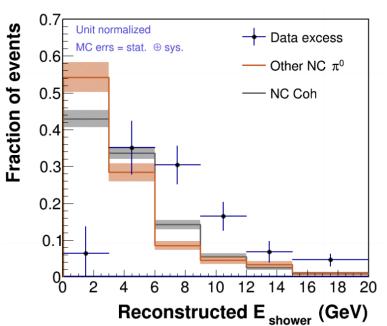
**GENIE** low pion energy is not so great. Matters most at low energy.

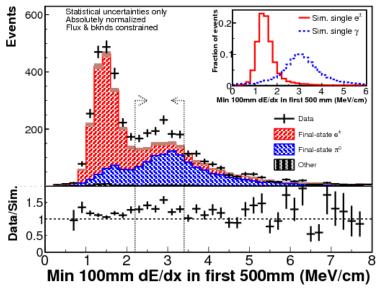


# Coherent/Diffractive Pion Production (cont'd)

T2K\
NIWG

- MINERvA also observed a "diffractive like" process as a background to its  $\nu_e$  CC0 $\pi$
- Hard spectrum inconsistent with resonant or coherent scattering



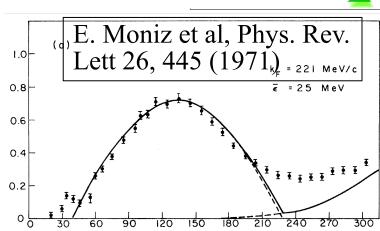


- J. Wolcott et al Phys.Rev.Lett. 117 (2016) no.11, 111801
- Rein model common to GENIE, NEUT, has ~right spectrum, but rate is too low
- Likely unimportant for T2K

#### Initial State Model

- Use a Fermi Gas model with binding (E<sub>B</sub>) and Fermi momentum (k<sub>F</sub>) parameters
  - e⁻ corrected to neutrino data
  - C/O differences included
- Many worries here
  - Not all parts of model use same IS
  - Corrections are uncertain, and uncertainties matter
  - Not valid when we go to a new IS model
- Alternate IS models available now or soon
  - Local Fermi Gas, Spectral function (Benhar), Effective
     SF (Bodek et al), etc.

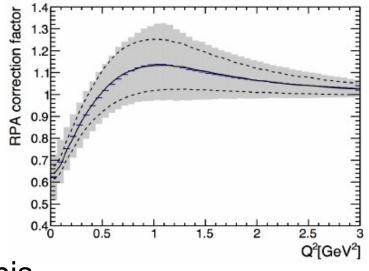




# Nuclear Screening (RPA)

T2K\
NIWE

- Long-range nucleon-nucleon correlations screen low momentum transfer reactions
  - Random Phase Approximation or "RPA"
- Use calculation of Nieves et al
  - MINERvA, MiniBooNE data support it
- Have evaluated uncertainties in calculation
  - Current oscillation analysis is still using m<sub>A</sub> variations as a proxy for this
  - "Effective RPA" model, constrained by theory
- Only known for elastic nucleon processes, although data says needed in pion production



### 2p2h processes

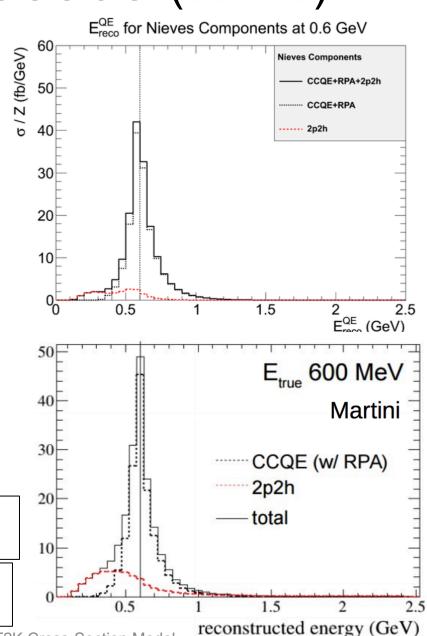
- I want to avoid writing a novel here,
   although I certainly could do that if desired
- Evidence from MINERvA, MiniBooNE and electron scattering that this process exists
- We use an ab initio calculation from Nieves et al, same one that is in GENIE. But...
  - It is not complete.

- J. Nieves et al., Phys. Rev. C83:045501, 2011.
- Different (also incomplete) calculations get very different strengths and q<sub>0</sub> vs q<sub>3</sub> distributions
  - M. Martini et al., Phys. Rev., C80:065501, 2009.
- Differences matter for T2K. A lot.



### 2p2h processes (cont'd)

- Especially in disappearance analysis, need a reliable neutrino energy estimator
- The difference incomplete calculations lead to different reconstructed energy
  - J. Nieves et al., Phys. Rev. C83:045501, 2011.
  - M. Martini et al., Phys. Rev., C80:065501, 2009.



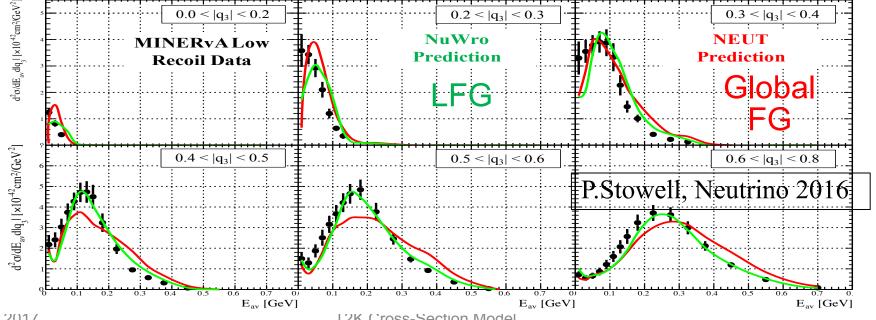
6 April 2017

T2K Cross-Section Model

32

# 2p2h processes (cont'd)

- Not easy to constrain from data
  - Models not generally benchmarked against electron scattering. (Not a panacea, but it would help.)
  - Data on CCQE rate vs Q<sup>2</sup> has many uncertainties (e.g., IS, RPA, form factors), so hard to pin down 2p2h
- MINERvA low recoil also subject to variations in 1p1h



6 April 2017

12K Cross-Section Model

### 2p2h processes (cont'd)

T2K\
NIWG

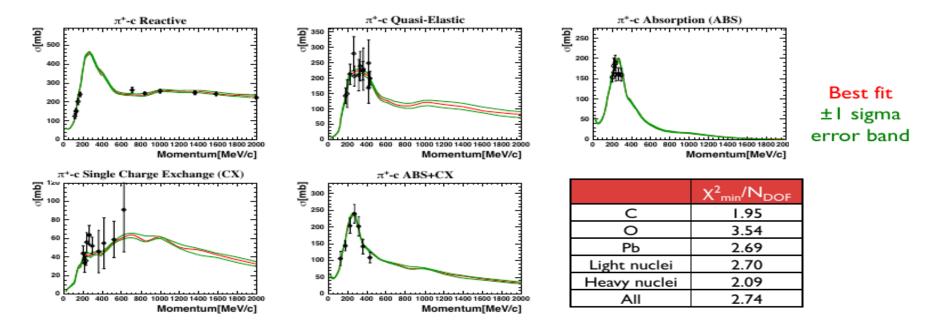
34

- What uncertainties are we using?
  - Strength of 2p2h is allowed to float within large uncertainties
  - Strength in delta vs non-delta processes will be allowed to vary radically, to ensure we cover the effect in reconstructed neutrino energy (new addition to our model)
  - C/O differences constrained (conservatively) by measurements of SRC in electron scattering
- We don't have 2p2h processes for single pion production in our model (no calculation), but they should certainly be there, with similar effects
  - This will be more important for higher energy experiments, e.g.,
     NOvA and DUNE, than for T2K, HK, SBN

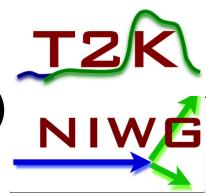
### Final State Interactions



- NEUT has its own cascade model
  - Tuned to pion and nucleon scattering on nuclei
  - Data is actually more fairly precise
- Current approach is to use conservative uncertainties because of concern about cascade model itself



# Final State Interactions (cont'd)



- Current development
  - Use data driven uncertainties, including C/O
  - Incorporate uncertainties on cascade model itself by comparison with transport models (e.g., GiBUU)
- Also working to unify the treatment of FSI uncertainties and secondary interactions (SI) in the detector
  - Both can be done with the same cascade model
- This is a common problem shared by many oscillation experiments



#### DATA CONSTRAINTS

See, e.g., C. Wilkinson et al., Phys. Rev. D 93, no. 7, 072010 (2016)

# Our external data fitting experience



- Successes in fitting deuterium data, MINERvA coherent data, and MINERvA low recoil data
- For CCQE and Pion production on nuclei, have been plagued by disagreements among data sets (within our model)
  - In CCQE, maybe MINERvA low recoil discrepancy is the reason why? In pions, not as clear...
  - So far, reducing uncertainties is hard. But maybe we make the uncertainties more accurate?
- Regardless, better models should help



#### **CONCLUSIONS**

### Conclusions



- Model is incomplete, inconsistent in places
- Nevertheless, we are able to obtain a reasonable description of our data
  - And external data, at least in part
- Model is significantly more sophisticated than our first in term terms of driving uncertainties from data, theory or discrepancy
- Much development underway that we expect will lead to further improvement or realism